

Spark Gap

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On Our MARC...

Sad to say another one-day Technician's License Class isn't in the books. We just didn't get enough interest this time around. I believe that we will be holding off until Feb or March 2015 for our next class. However, if you are interested in upgrading to General, starting September 10, 2014, Andrew, N9AWM, will be teaching a class. Please see Andrew or email him at andy@indylinux.org to let him know you are interested in attending the class.

It's not too late to throw your hat into the ring for an officer's position in the MARC for the 2014-15 year. If you hold a valid Amateur Radio license and are a dues-current, full member of the club, you can run for President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer. If you wish to run or would like to nominate someone else for a position, please contact Rhonda Curtis at secretary@midstatehams.org. Before nominating someone, please check with them to see if they are interested in an office. The slate will be finalized at the meeting on Aug. 16th with balloting up until the annual picnic on Sept. 20th.

Speaking of the picnic, it is a great family event. Again this year we will be headed to Steve Brown's, N9LC, home in Franklin. Steve and his wife have graciously welcomed us for another year and the location couldn't be any better. Hopefully the weather will be just as nice. Your admission is a covered dish or another item to share and a lawn chair to "sit a spell." The club will provide the meat, the drinks and the paper goods. See all of you there!

The program for the August meeting will be on soldering technique. Ken, KD9ALA, will present.

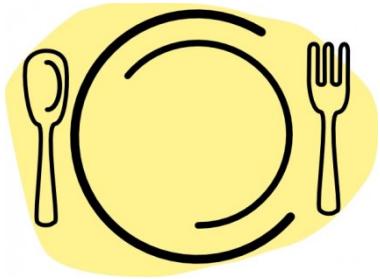
Jacki - KI6QOG
President



BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

KZ9H-Joe Castro
N9CHY-Cy Young

Dinner Social



August 12, 2014 – Flap Jacks – 2991 Fulmer Dr in Bargersville. It is on the corner of State Road 135 and Whiteland Road. Gathering at 6:00 PM and order dinner between 6:30 PM and 6:45PM.

September 10, 2014 – Mexican Place in Franklin-More info at Aug meeting

Oct 14, 2014 – Fireside Brewhouse - Greenwood



Good example of a very large mobile antenna.

Photo courtesy of Jim Busch

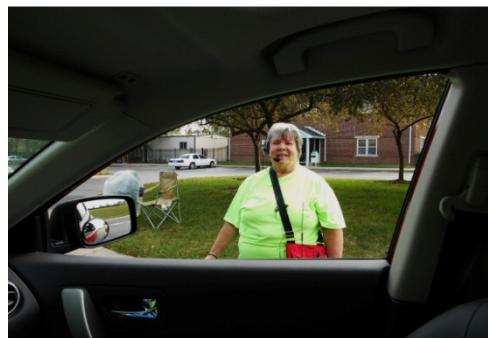
GREENWOOD COMMUNITY BAND FESTIVAL

On Saturday August 9th was a premier event for Greenwood. It was the first annual Greenwood Community Band Festival held at the Surina Square Park in the Amphitheater. There were eight bands from different parts of Indiana not to compete but to just play their music. The band festival had only two rules, first is that there is no monetary awards or trophies and the second is that there is only rule number one. In all it was a great day with beautiful weather and plenty of good music to listen to.

MARC was asked by the coordinators of the festival to assist with parking cars and public safety. It was a large area where the cars were to be parked, so golf carts were used to transport band members and patrons to the amphitheater where the event was taking place. The festival officials were pleased with how smoothly the parking was handled and the communication support to the golf carts when they were needed. All seemed to go well for the event and our volunteers were appreciated for their work.



Breakfast to start the day.



Brenda, KC9EBL framed.



Bob N9SIU, Parking lot



Ron K9THR, directions



Steve K9DY, helps band

This month in Coffee Break training, we are going to continue the review of applying for assistance when FEMA has Disaster Recovery Centers or DRC's, open after a disaster. Disaster Recovery Centers are locations that FEMA will temporarily open a field office for the public to walk into or schedule meetings with FEMA representatives to apply, review or appeal disaster assistance applications. Ideally, FEMA can provide for immediate financial needs for temporary housing and per diem (food) assistance, but long-term assistance can be available from and through the Small Business Administration.

[When] Schedule Changes for Illinois/FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers [Are they closed?]

[Main Content](#)

Release date: June 7, 2013

Release Number: 4116-IL NR-038

AURORA, Ill. – The eight Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) operated by the state of Illinois and FEMA have changed their schedule of operations. They will now be open from Monday through Saturday, rather than seven days a week. The DRCs will be closed Sundays. Hours of operation remain 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The DRC locations are as follows:

[EDITED to remove long list of DRC's – not needed for this presentation, refer to below link for full article as originally published:

<http://www.fema.gov/news-release/2013/06/07/schedule-changes-illinois/fema-disaster-recovery-centers>

It is not necessary to visit a DRC to register with FEMA. Individuals can register online at www.disasterassistance.gov or via web-enabled phone at m.fema.gov. Applicants may also call 800-621-3362 or (TTY) 800-462-7585. People who use 711-Relay or Video Relay Services (VRS) can call 800-621-3362.

DRCs also offer an additional service for those who may have questions or need help in applying for disaster aid. Information about other disaster programs is also available from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), state and local agencies, and voluntary organizations. Residents should apply with FEMA even if they already provided damage information to local officials, other agencies or organizations. Hazard Mitigation staff, located at the DRCs, can provide information on repairing or rebuilding homes to minimize damage from future storms and flooding events.

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

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Media Contact: 571-408-1835

Related Links:

[FEMA Disaster Assistance](#)

But wait – There's More!!

Another means of post disaster assistance is a Small Business Administration (SBA) disaster declaration. On occasions that the insured loss to un-insured loss ratio is not within the definition of a 'Disaster Declaration' under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (As amended) the President of the United States can issue an SBA disaster declaration. Under these circumstances the SBA is authorized to make low interest loans to affected business's **and** private residents who have suffered a substantial loss not fully covered by insurance to rebuild. Don't forget that under the Stafford ACT there is a cap on the amount of a grant that can be awarded. This is where the SBA can step in and provide financial assistance when needed. An SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) can be co-located or separate from the DRC. The below is a partial and separate news release that discusses the SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC).

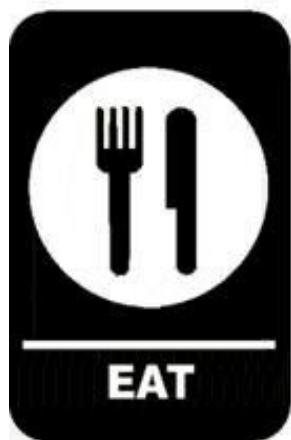
FEMA DRC Transitions to SBA Center

AURORA, Ill. – The FEMA Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) located at [XXXX, XXXX] Lincoln Ave., [anytown, IN] will transition to a U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) beginning [XXX, XX,] 2013.

At the DLOC, SBA customer service representatives will issue disaster loan applications, answer questions about SBA's disaster loan program, explain the application process, help individuals complete their application and close their approved disaster loans.

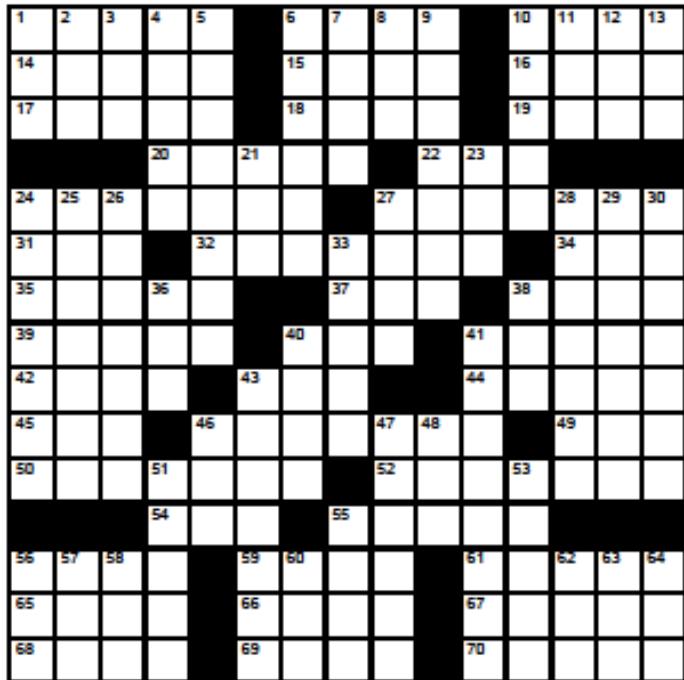
"At this stage in the recovery process, the emphasis for assistance is to meet long-term needs of survivors," said W. Michael Moore, the federal official in charge of disaster recovery. "We believe the transition of the DRC to an SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center will better meet the current needs of residents."

LIFE IS SIMPLE



Radiogrammer**Across**

1. Rock band Los ____
6. Polite XYL title
10. Cooper maker
14. Amplifier connector label, say
15. Light beige
16. Coax elbows
17. Loop type
18. Apple competitor
19. Phony DX
20. Sign in a radio station
22. Packet ckt.
24. NTS rock band?
27. Clues
31. Bamboozle
32. SV letter
34. B4, of yore
35. CW shorthand item
37. Single- or multi-, in propagation
38. Gator's cousin
39. Knight's need
40. NTS unit
41. Type of feed
42. Globe ____ transmitter
43. ARRL volunteer official
44. Prefix with -single
45. Good report, using 35-acrosses
46. W7 city
49. 76, 77 and 78 maker
50. Expressionless
52. Illicit rendezvous station?
54. Area net for 55-across
55. Region net for 12-down
56. Staff
59. Brain wave
61. Soldering tools
65. OOTC members
66. Jamaica

**Down**

1. Neder of too many fills
2. New year's nr
3. Traffic handling award
4. Words before band, on an FCC citation?
5. W6YX
6. Noble I-land family name
7. Tennis whiz
8. Characters before seventy three
9. Entry class
10. Early radio parts maker
11. 9RN place
12. A 30-down, in W2-land
13. An end to perfection?
21. Ready follower?
23. Transistor type
24. Long haul 52-across
25. Common preamble item
26. Where a radiogram enters the ether
27. Fox or turkey follower
28. Guy wire hardware items
29. ____ back
30. ARRL unit
33. Word count
36. Batt. term. label
38. 7 MHz timer
40. Pre-LED amber light
41. Spreading, as with cream cheese
43. EA talk
46. Health resort
47. Forever
48. Humor newspaper nameplate middle
51. Places to find antenna restrictions
53. Filter maker
55. RTTY conveyance
56. Area net for 11-down
57. RX ckt.
58. Old video game inits.
60. Was CR8, once
62. Band breaker
63. Dahdit, in F-land
64. Dir. from W2 to LU

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Sept. 6 & 7 **Heartnut Festival Johnson County Park, Edinburgh**
Sept. 6th, 11:00 AM FOX HUNT at Johnson County Park
Bring your gear for a fun time and all are welcome, Steve ND9C
is coordinating this event.

Sept. 20 **M.A.R.C. Annual Picnic/Meeting**
To be held at the Steve Brown N9LC Ranch
See the MARC web page for more details

Sept. 27 **Greenwood H. S. Marching Band Invitational, Greenwood**
Need 10 to 12 volunteers to assist with public safety and parking. High School Marching Bands compete on the Greenwood HS Football Field. At times there have been as many as 15 schools competing so it takes many people to help with this event. This will be the 18th year of MARC assisting with this event. Please help!!!! [More details to come.](#)



ARRL Contest Schedule

August

2-3 August UHF
16-17 10 GHz & Up – Round 1
17 Rookie Roundup – RTTY September
13-15 September VHF
20-21 10 GHz & Up– Round 2

October

11-12 EME - 2.3 GHz & Up
20-24 School Club Roundup
November
1-3 Nov. Sweepstakes – CW
8-9 EME - 50 to 1296 MHz
15-17 Nov. Sweepstakes – Phone

December

5-7 160 Meter
6-7 EME - 50 to 1296 MHz
13-14 10 Meter
21 Rookie Roundup–CW

For more information on contesting please see the ARRL link:

<http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar>



HAMFESTS

08/09/2014 | [Angola Hamfest](#)

Location: Angola, IN

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Land of Lakes Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.llarc.org>

09/20/2014 | [Hancock ARC Hamfest](#)

Location: Greenfield, IN

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Hancock Amateur Radio Club of Hancock County

Website: <http://www.w9atg.org>

10/04/2014 | [Hoosier Hills Hamfest](#)

Location: Mitchell, IN

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Hoosier Hills Ham Club

Website: <http://www.w9qyq.org/hamfest>

11/15/2014 | [Indiana State Convention \(Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo\)](#)

Location: Fort Wayne, IN

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society

Website: <http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com>



MID-STATE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

The Mid-State Amateur Radio Club meets the THIRD SATURDAY of each month in the basement of the Johnson County Emergency Management Agency, 1111 Hospital Road, Franklin, Indiana 46131.

See our website, www.midstatehams.org, for maps on how to get to our meeting.

Everyone is welcome; you do not have to be a HAM to attend our meetings or a member of the club.

WA9RDF
Repeater
146.835/
146.235 MHz
151.4 Hz PL Tone

Club Officers:
President: Jacki Frederick – KI6QOG
Vice President: Dave Daily – KB9LOT
Secretary: Rhonda Curtis – WS9H
Treasurer: Linda Harshbarger – KC9GCH
Repeater Trustee: Steve Brown – N9LC

Weekly Net: Sunday evening 7:00 PM ARES/RACES members and ALL RADIO AMATEURS

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